USNO Station Report

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Issues Addressed at AMC

• AMC1

- Transceiver, LNC, and antenna are all outside
- New fibers, old modules
- Diurnals > 1ns
 - Due to fiber modules and transceiver temperature
- AMC2
 - LNC and antenna outside
 - Transceiver inside, no thermal regulation
 - New fibers, new modules
 - Diurnals ~1ns

TWSTFT Calibration

- Flyaway TWSTFT systems
 - Shipping costs too high
 - Use smaller more portable equipment
- Carrier Phase GPS
 - For verification of TWSTFT calibration
 - Installation Issues
 - Many cycle slips, antenna in non-ideal location
 - Novatel OEM3 uses trailing edge of pulse
 - Data surprisingly good, though it seems too good
 - Upcoming: New receiver to test, Novatel OEM4

What we hope to do next year

• Set up station in Hawaii

- Still in progress
- State Department handling negotiations
- Upgrade TWSTFT systems
 - Develop system for data acquisition and control
 - Temperature stability and Diurnals
- Still in our dreams
 - High and Low-bandwidth experimentation
 - Timetech Satsim on shelf waiting to be tested at USNO

Temperature and Diurnals



Temperature Effects are Not Easily Modelable



USNO-NIST Calibration May 16, 2007 (MJD 54236)

- UTC(USNO)-UTC(NIST)
 - TWSTT calibration 16.4 ns
 - GPS CV 11.4 ns
 - Circular T 10.7 ns
 - Via PTB: Ku (NIST)+X band (USNO)10.4 ns
 - Via PTB: Ku-band (ITU) 8.2 ns
- Analysis Error, in ITU-format corrections
 - USNO-PTB, Ku(ITU)-X -2.5 ns
 - USNO-PTB, Ku(ITU)-Ku(1sec) -2.1 ns

USNO-PTB link differences since the Ku-band Satellite Change



No Hardware is Perfect K,X,C identify technique at fault (C=CP)



Carrier Phase GPS Receivers Under Test

